

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A document reproduction system comprising:

an electronic reprographic apparatus; and

a controller, the controller including an image manipulation device adapted to screen out unwanted images from a document being reproduced.
2. The system of claim 1 wherein the controller further includes an input device adapted to allow the user to select a text only function of the image manipulation device, the text only function adapted to separate text from images in the document and send only the text to an image output device for printing.
3. The system of claim 1 wherein the image manipulation device comprises an optical character recognition system.
4. The system of claim 1 wherein the image manipulation device is adapted to separate text from images in the document and send only the text to an image output device for printing.
5. The system of claim 1 wherein the unwanted images includes borders, frames and pictures.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein the controller is adapted to screen out images that exceed a predetermined size from the document being reproduced.

7. A method of reproducing a document comprising the steps of:

submitting a print job to a printing system, the print job including the document to be reproduced;

electronically separating images on the document from text of the print job; and

printing only the text of the print job.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the step of separating images on the document from text comprises the step of using an image manipulation device in the printing system to separate the images from the text.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein the step of separating images on the document from text comprises the step of using an optical character recognition device in the printing system to separate the image from the text.

10. A reprographic system comprising:

a first processing unit for receiving a print job;

- a second processing unit coupled to the first processing unit for processing the print job;
 - a text only device operatively coupled to the second processing unit and adapted to format the print job into a text only format; and
 - a image output terminal operatively coupled to the second processing unit and controlled by the second processing unit for printing the text only format of the print job.
11. The system of claim 10 wherein the text only device is further adapted to separate images from text in the print job.
12. The system of claim 10 wherein the text only format includes only a text portion of the print job and excludes any images of the print job.
13. The system of claim 10 wherein the text only device is adapted convert a scanned image in the second processing unit into an editable text format.
14. The system of claim 10 wherein the text only device is adapted to convert the scanned image into a bitmap representation of the image.

15. The system of claim 10 wherein the text only device is adapted to inhibit a printing of information from a scanned document that exceeds a predetermined size.